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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer Information

Name	Paramount Farms International LLC
Granted to Date of previous extension	09/18/2013
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Applicant Information

Application No	85790020	Publication date	05/21/2013
Opposition Filing Date	09/09/2013	Opposition Period Ends	09/18/2013
Applicant	Borquez Almada, Pablo Av. San Alberto Sur 28 B Col San Alberto Sonora, 83680 MEXICO		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 031. First Use: 2012/07/01 First Use In Commerce: 2012/07/01
All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Fresh asparagus; Fresh grapes

Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion Trademark Act section 2(d)

Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	2761540	Application Date	11/21/2002
Registration Date	09/09/2003	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	NONE		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		

Goods/Services	Class 029. First use: First Use: 1990/01/22 First Use In Commerce: 1990/01/22	
	processed edible nuts	
	Class 031. First use: First Use: 1997/00/00 First Use In Commerce: 1997/00/00	
	fresh citrus fruits and fresh fruits	

U.S. Registration No.	3986399	Application Date	09/25/2009
Registration Date	06/28/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	NONE		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	The mark consists of a circle with the design of a tree planted in the ground therein.		
Goods/Services	Class 029. First use: First Use: 2011/02/04 First Use In Commerce: 2011/02/04 Prepared nuts; Processed nuts; Roasted nuts; Seasoned nuts; Shelled nuts		

Attachments	TREE DESIGN ONLY Notice of Opp.pdf(224309 bytes)

Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by First Class Mail on this date.

Signature	/jkr/
Name	JESSIE REIDER
Date	09/09/2013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Paramount Farms International LLC)
Opposer,) Opposition No.:)
v.) NOTICE OF OPPOSITION
Pablo Borquez Almada,)
Applicant.) Mark: TREE DESIGN ONLY) Application Ser. No.: 85/790,020
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Paramount Farms International LLC, a Delaware limited liability company located and doing business at 11444 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064 ("Paramount Farms" or "Opposer"), believes it will be damaged by the registration of Application Serial No. 85/790,020 (the "Almada Tree Mark") in Class 31 for fresh grapes and fresh asparagus, filed by Pablo Borquez Almada, a Mexico individual ("Applicant"), with the address of Av. San Alberto Sur 28 B Col San Alberto, Sonora, Mexico 83680, and hereby opposes the same.

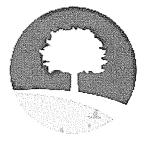
As grounds for this opposition, Opposer alleges:

1. Opposer is the largest grower and processor of almonds and pistachios in the world. Since before the November 29, 2012 filing date of Applicant's Application Serial No. 85/790,020 ("Application"), Opposer has extensively marketed and sold nuts in interstate commerce in connection with its distinctive trademarks.

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2. Opposer owns many trademarks, including but not limited to, the following distinctive design trademarks ("Paramount Tree Marks"):





Reg. No. 2,761,540 in Classes 29 and 31

Reg. No. 3,986,399 in Class 29

- 3. Opposer's registrations are valid, subsisting, and owned by Opposer.
- 4. Opposer's registration Number 2761540 is incontestable.
- Opposer has sold millions of dollars worth of goods in connection with the
 Paramount Tree Marks.
- 6. By virtue of the popularity of Opposer's goods offered in connection with the Paramount Tree Marks, Opposer has built and owns extremely valuable goodwill symbolized by, and associated with, the Paramount Tree Marks.
- 7. In his Application, Applicant applied for registration of the Almada Tree Mark in International Class 31 with the description of goods as "[f]resh asparagus; [f]resh grapes."
- 8. Applicant's application to register and claimed use of the Almada Tree Mark for fresh asparagus and fresh grapes International Class 31 ("Applicant's Goods") is without Opposer's consent or permission.
- 9. Upon information and belief, neither Applicant nor any predecessor or related company of Applicant made actual use of the Almada Tree Mark prior to the July 1, 2012 "first use" date identified in Application Serial No. 85/790,020.
 - 10. Opposer timely filed an Extension of Time to Oppose the Application with the

Trademark Trial and Appeal Board on June 13, 2013, and the Extension request was granted. An opposition to the Application must be filed by September 18, 2013. Therefore, this Notice of Opposition is being timely filed.

- 11. Opposer has rights in and to the Paramount Tree Marks long prior to the first actual or constructive use of the Almada Tree Mark.
- 12. The Almada Tree Mark so resembles the Paramount Tree Marks as to be likely, when used on or in connection with Applicant's goods, to cause confusion, to cause mistake, or to deceive in violation of Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1052(d), as amended. The Almada Tree Mark also conveys the same commercial impression as the Paramount Tree Marks.
- 13. Applicant's Goods are similar and related to the goods used in connection with the Paramount Tree Marks. Applicant's use and registration of the Almada Tree Mark in connection with the Applicant's Goods is likely to cause confusion, deception and/or mistake among the relevant public.
- 14. The purchasing public is likely to be led to believe that goods bearing the Almada Tree Mark emanate from or are approved, licensed, sponsored by, or in some other way legitimately connected with or affiliated with, Opposer or that Applicant and its business are owned by or are affiliated with Opposer and its business.
- 15. If Applicant is permitted to use the Almada Tree Mark as specified in the Application, confusion in trade resulting in damage and injury to Opposer would be caused and would result by reason of the similarity between the Almada Tree Mark and the Paramount Tree Marks. Consumers familiar with the Paramount Tree Marks would be likely to believe Applicant's goods are provided by Opposer or provided with Opposer's authorization or

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approval. Furthermore, any defect, objection or fault found with Applicant's goods sold under

the Almada Tree Mark would necessarily injure Opposer's reputation and the goodwill Opposer

has established in the Paramount Tree Marks.

16. Opposer believes it will be damaged by registration of the Almada Tree Mark

because such registration would give Applicant at least a prima facie exclusive right to use the

Almada Tree Mark in commerce in the United States, in derogation of Opposer's senior rights in

the Paramount Tree Marks.

17. Applicant's use and registration of the Almada Tree Mark will damage Opposer,

its business and its goodwill.

WHEREFORE, Opposer respectfully requests that this opposition be sustained and that

Application Serial No. 85/790,020 be denied registration and that such other and further relief as

is deemed just and proper be granted.

Please debit our Deposit Account No. 502934 for the \$300 filing fee and for any

additional necessary fees.

Please address all correspondence to Jessie K. Reider, Esq., Intellectual Property Counsel

at Roll Law Group P.C., 11444 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: September 9, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mark Rivera, herby certify that a copy of this NOTICE OF OPPOSITION has been served upon Applicant at the correspondence address of record:

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by first class mail, postage prepaid, on this 9th day of September, 2013.

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